

Internship Program Admissions

Date Program Tables are updated:

Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on intern selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:

Candidates for the Durham VA Medical Center Psychology Internship Program must be US citizens enrolled in a doctoral (PhD) clinical or counseling psychology graduate program, which is accredited by the American Psychological Association or Canadian Psychological Association, or clinical science programs accredited by PCSAS. Candidates must be approved by their graduate program's Director of Training as ready for internship, and preferably will have only minor dissertation requirements remaining. Applicants must have a minimum of 300 hours of Intervention. Given that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted some applicants' ability to accrue assessment hours, no minimum number of assessment hours is required. We seek applicants who have a sound clinical and scientific knowledge base from their academic program, strong basic skills in standard assessment, psychotherapy, and research techniques, and the personal characteristics necessary to function well in our internship setting. Our selection criteria are based on "goodness-of-fit" with our training opportunities. We prefer to build an Intern class that comes from many different kinds of programs and theoretical orientations, from different geographical areas, of different ages, of different cultural backgrounds, and with different life experiences.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, indicate how many:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount: 300
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount: 0

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Applications for the doctoral internship program are welcome from students who have met the following requirements at the time of application: 1) Three years of graduate study, completion of comprehensive exams, and acceptance as a doctoral candidate into an APA-or CPA accredited graduate program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical or Counseling Psychology are also eligible. 2) Approval for internship status by graduate program training director. 3) Completion of a minimum of 300 AAPI Intervention Hours. 4) Dissertation proposal approved by time of application. 5) Completion of online APPIC application procedure. 6) U.S. citizenship. 7) A male applicant born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 to be eligible for any U.S. government employment, including selection as a paid VA trainee. 8) Interns are subject to fingerprinting, background checks, and drug screens. Match result and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$27,214	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	NA	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)		
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave		
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Other Benefits (please describe): Interns receive 10 paid federal holidays and the United States government covers interns for malpractice under the Federal Tort Claims Act.		

*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2017-2019	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	24	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	20	1
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	2	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	1	0
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.